organisations utilising to the utmost benefit, the technologies developed by it. So far, ISRO has transferred to industry 185 technologies in diverse fields such as electronic and computer based systems, chemicals and special materials, telecommunication and broadcasting, optical instruments, mechanical and electromechanical spheres etc. ISRO also provides technical consultancy support to Indian industry to upgrades their technologies. There is a close cooperation between and interaction with ISRO and Indian industry to meet the needs of either party.

Drugs from Sea

5611. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Oceanography, Goa has identified marine animals for preparation of drugs from the sea under Project Drugs;

(b) if so, the details of the drugs prepared or being prepared presently;

(c) whether any trials regarding usefulness of these drugs has been carried out before marketing them; if so, the results achieved therefrom; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be marketed and though which agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Active components from some marine animals have been isolated, characterized and synthesized in the laboratory.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Application of Provisions of Indian Evidence Act in Departmental Proceedings

5612. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the course of disciplinary proceedings, the basic fundamental principals of natural justice are followed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether in the departmental proceedings, the provisions of the Indian Evidence Act are made applicable;

(d) if not, the extent to which the same are applicable; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to lay down guidelines for the disciplinary authorities and to what extent provisions in the Indian Evidence Act are to be applied in the departmental proceedings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). The departmental proceedings being quasi-judicial proceeding only, the strict adherence to the rules of Indian Evidence Act is not necessary. However, the enquiry officer in any disciplinary proceed-